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Legislative Corruption.

THE following communication, in reference to the ground recently taken by us in regard to the corruption in the State Legislature and its remedy, contains a good deal that is true, as well as a misconception of the steps necessary to remove the evil—

To the Editor of the Evening Telegraph:—We are now having our annual newspaper attacks upon a delinquent Legislature. Judging from the past, it is safe to predict that in three or four weeks the whole excitement will be over, and in the coming autumn the men who are now denounced as corrupt will be returned to Harrisburg for serious opposition.

It is much better to throttle scoundrels who are about to rot you, than send papers and bullets after them as they run away with their plunder. It is no easy matter to break up the corrupt political combinations that now exist. But it can be done, and the first step is to secure the hearty, continuous, and bold co-operation of the press.

No political convention can be called together, even in these degenerate times, that would be so reckless as to put in nomination for any office a man whose nomination, or reasons stated, was generally opposed by our city papers.

It is, indeed, true that the popular indignation which follows the close of a legislative session almost entirely disappears before the next election, and that those who are most indignant in April against bribery and corruption, vote in October for the return of the men who have at least tolerated iniquity, if not participated in it.

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right on the Finley road to Geas Mountain. Finley is very highly spoken of as the most healthy and best region in Liberia.

A new company of colored soldiers, "Lincoln Company, No. 2," is now forming in this city, with the intention of leaving on the 1st of May.

JOHN BELL HOAKER.—As an instance of the inability of an Englishman to comprehend a joke, which peculiarly Sidney Smith said only belonged to a Scotchman, we notice in the late London papers an article treating seriously what is reported to be the maiden effort of Mr. Morrissey in Congress.

"Mr. Morrissey has been making a most extraordinary display of himself in the American Congress. As fast as any deputy spoke the pugilist interrupted him with some coarse professional slang. The House got excited and angry, whereupon Mr. Hoaker declared he wouldn't be 'handled over to any cuss in the House,' and appealed to the Speaker to prevent him from being degraded to the ropes in that manner."

A Practical versus a Political Opinion. It is but a day or two since our Democratic contemporary had an editorial complaining of General Sickles' recent order abolishing imprisonment for debt, and prescribing certain necessary regulations concerning civil affairs in his district.

"The admirable and beneficent regulations established by General Sickles will do him lasting honor. Instead of using his high powers to oppress the industrious, he has used them to protect the people. He is doing what the Legislature of South Carolina refused to do. He shows far more respect for the suffering and distress of the country than the majority of the public men of this State, who, contrary to manifest justice and right, wilfully continued the heathenish law of imprisonment for debt in all cases."

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Tuesday, April 30, 1867. The Stock Market opened rather dull this morning, but prices were without any material change.

Bank shares were firmly held at full prices. 140 was bid for First National; 107 for Fourth National; 104 for Seventh National; 230 for North America; 155 for Philadelphia; 134 for Farmers' and Mechanics'; 59 for Commercial; 110 for Transients; 68 for City; and 45 for Consolidation.

In Canal shares there was little movement. Lehigh Navigation sold at 53; no change; 31 1/2 for Schuylkill Navigation common; 29 1/2 for preferred; 1 1/2 for Susquehanna Canal; and 6 6/8 for Delaware Division.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange SALES TO DAY Reported by Dehaven & Bro., No. 40 S. Third Street. FIRST BOARD.

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